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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97(b) and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits a list of the following relevant arts as required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. U.S. Patent No. 5,902,386 issued to Gustafson et al. on May 11, 1999;
- B. European Patent Publication No. EP 1 219 223 published by the EPO on July 3, 2002;
- C. European Patent Publication No. EP 0 890 335 published by the EPO on January 13, 1999;
- D. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2000-316766 published in Japan on November 21, 2000;
- E. Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. JP 11-032950 published by the European Patent Office on February 9, 1999;
- F. PCT Application Publication No. WO 01/97671 published by WIPO on December 27, 2001;
- G. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/152893 of Alberts, III et al. published on October 24, 2002.

The above-listed prior art A-G are cited in the Search Report dated August 12, 2005 by

the European Patent Office for European Patent Application No. EP 03 25 7597 which is a counterpart application to the above-identified U.S. application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed. Though the prior art D is not in the English language, the Search Report is written in English and the degree of relevance is indicated therein by way of the markings of As along with the explanation of such markings. Nonetheless, an English language abstract of this prior art is attached to the copy thereof. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance for this non-English language prior art is satisfied and an English concise explanation thereof is omitted herein.

In view of the above, it is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them.

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